

Atty. Docket No. 2001-1797A
Serial No. 10/000,096
May 18, 2005

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants are grateful for the telephone interviews held with Examiner Belyavskyi on May 6, 2005, May 12, 2005 and May 13, 2005, wherein proposed claim amendments were discussed. Specifically, the Examiner proposed amending claims 1, 23 and 33 to limit the antibody by further defining the active HGFA as done in claim 7. The Examiner further proposed amending claim 25 to recite "further comprises" as supported in the disclosure at page 39, lines 1-5. It was indicated that the proposed amendments place the claims in condition for allowance. The claims have been amended accordingly.

It was also agreed that withdrawn claim 11 would be rejoined with the elected claims.

Claim 11 is amended to reflect the proper antecedent basis for the monoclonal antibody of claim 8.

The Examiner required cancellation of withdrawn claims 12-22 and 29-30. Accordingly, claims 12-22 and 29-30 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer thereto. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation or divisional application on any cancelled subject matter.

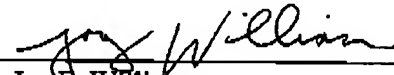
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested.

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If it is determined that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number below to expedite prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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